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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2006. Claims 21-34 and 48 were pending in the present application. This Amendment amends claims 21, 33, 34, and 48, and cancels claims 22-23, leaving pending in the application claims 21, 24-34, and 48. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 21-34 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Anuff* (US 6,327,628). Applicants respectfully submit that *Anuff* does not disclose each element of these claims.

For example, Applicants' claim 21 as amended recites a customizable application system, including:

- an application execution system configured to support an internet application;
- a user interface generator operable to generate an application user interface including a user interface element, the application user interface being configured as an interface between the internet application and a client and being configured for delivery to the client over a computer network, the user interface element including a find command that is user customizable with respect to a scope of data to be searched, the scope of data to be searched customizable to include one of all results of a previously-executed query, a subset of the results of the previously-executed query, and only the results of the previously-executed query that are displayed in the application user interface;
- metadata characterizing the find command; and
- a data repository including a data record further characterizing the find command, the data record being user modifiable in response to receiving input from a user defining a property for the user customizable find command and being accessible using the metadata, the property specifying the scope of the data to search,
- wherein the application user interface is automatically generated in response to a request from the client and configured with the property for the find command,
- wherein the user interface is operable to display an amount of data in response to the previously-executed query, and
- wherein the find command is operable to execute a search within the scope of data with respect to the results of the previously-executed query

(*emphasis added*). Such limitations are not disclosed by *Anuff*.

Anuff discloses a portal server allowing for customization at the user interface (UI) level (col. 1, line 59-col. 2, line 3). A number of modules are displayed in the UI, each module providing the user with access to a particular type of resource that can come from a server or third party (col. 3, line 58-col. 4, line 5). The user is able to edit the content of each module (co..

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4, lines 6-12). These modules can include search engines, for example, where "search engines are likely to be different for different portals" (col. 5, lines 49-59).

Anuff does not disclose, however, modifying the scope of search of a customizable find command that searches against a previously executed query as in Applicants' claim 21. *Anuff* suggests in the example of FIG. 2 that there is at least one editable property of a search engine in a model, but does not disclose that property, and particularly does not disclose that the scope of search of a find command is customizable.

Further, *Anuff* does not disclose a customizable find command that searches against a previously-executed query. *Anuff* can modify an undisclosed property of a search engine, which is used to execute a query, but does not disclose modifying a find command to search within the results of a previously-executed query, such as to search within all the results, a subset of the results, or only those results shown in the UI. Applicants' claim 21 would allow a user to display only a portion of the results of a query in the UI, and allow the user to execute a find against only the data displayed in the UI (such as 25 records out of 100). *Anuff* discloses no such functionality.

Further, *Anuff* does not disclose modifying any search to examine only a subset of results or only displayed results.

For at least these reasons, *Anuff* cannot anticipate Applicants' claim 21, or the claims that depend therefrom. Applicants' claims 33, 34, and 48 recite limitations that similarly are not disclosed by *Anuff*, such that these claims also cannot be anticipated. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejections with respect to claims 21-34 and 48 be withdrawn.

II. Amendment to the Claims

Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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